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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 5410

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR LE IR IS
SUBJ: US AIRLIFT OF IRANIAN UNIFIL CONTINGENT
EQUIPMENT AND TROOPS

REF: A. STATE 143077; B. TEHRAN 05391; C. STATE 141885

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1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT PREPLEXED BY PARA 3 OF REFTTEL A. BASED
ON PARA 2 OF REFTTEL C WE ADVISED GOI THAT QUOTE UNIFIL CAN
HANDLE PROBLEM OF MARRYING UP IRANIAN EQUIPMENT WITH
IRANIAN TROOPS IN SOUTH LEBANON. END QUOTE. IRANIAN
RESPONSE TO THAT OFFER WAS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF
REFTTEL B. AS YOU WILL SEE, GOI ACCEPTED UNIFIL OFFER
AND INFORMED US THAT IT WOULD FACILITATE COMPLETION

OF AIRLIFT JUNE 10. FURTHER COMMENT BY GOI, WHICH WE FELT IT UNNECESSARY TO REPORT, WAS THAT IF IRANIAN DRIVERS WOULD BE REQUIRED AIRLIFT COMPLETION WOULD BE DELAYED.

2. IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS TO HAVE FULL UNIFIL CONTINGENT DEPLOYED PRIOR TO ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. IF UN OFFER TO HAVE UNIFIL MARRY UP IRANIAN EQUIPMENT WITH IRANIAN CONTINGENT IN SOUTH LEBANON NO LONGER IS VALID WE WILL APPROACH GOI HERE ABOUT ARRANGING FOR IRANIAN DRIVERS. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE BORN IN MIND THAT THIS MAY WELL DELAY COMPLETION OF AIRLIFT FROM HERE, AND POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZE WHAT WE ASSUME IS STILL PRINCIPAL AIM.

3. PENDING RESPONSE ON THAT POINT WE DO NOT INTEND TO APPROACH GOI HERE ABOUT DRIVERS. HAVING GOT THE ACT TOGETHER AT THIS END OF THE LINE, AND WITH THE AIRLIFT MOVING AHEAD ON SCHEDULE, WE DO NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT DISRUPT IT. OBVIOUSLY IT IMMATERIAL WHETHER DRIVERS ARE UNIFIL, OR PERHAPS US, BUT IF IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE IRANIAN DRIVERS FROM HERE IT QUITE LIKELY SCHEDULE MIGHT SLIP.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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